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(S) NATIONAL RECONNAISSANCE OFFICE

WASHINGTON, D.C.

THE NRO STAFF

July 20, 1973

MEMORANDUM FOR DR. McLUCAS

SUBJECT: PFIAB Memorandum

At the right is a copy of a memorandum which was sent by Mr. Byers of the PFIAB to Mr. Colby. The memorandum was brought to our attention because in paragraph 2 it appears as if the PFIAB has a misconception about who operates satellite reconnaissance programs. We will informally attempt to set the record straight with the PFIAB on this point.

Although it appears as if the DCI is treating this memorandum lightly--we understand that a letter of acknowledgement has been sent to Mr. Byers--we believe that the PFIAB should play a supportive role in evaluation of the NRP management structure. Therefore, we are intending to put a section in the forth coming PFIAB report for your review which treats the subject of an NSCID for the NRO.

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HAROLD S. COYLE, JR.
Major, USAF

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

July 10, 1973

Bill,

As promised, here is a brief statement of the Board's interest in the management of the NRO.

Many thanks for fitting me into your busy schedule last Friday.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

PRESIDENT'S FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE ADVISORY BOARD

July 10, 1973

Dear Bill:

PFIAB has supported our National Reconnaissance Program (NRP) since its inception and played an active role in formulating the Vance/Raborn agreement under which the NRP has been managed since 1965.

In recent years, the circumstances which permitted the Vance/Raborn agreement to function as effectively as it did have been substantially altered [redacted] military services have developed active, ongoing [redacted] reconnaissance programs; overhead reconnaissance has become the principal means of national verification of Soviet compliance with the SALT agreements; the President has specifically directed the DCI to exercise greater authority over national intelligence programs; and funds are no longer readily available.

With a new composition of EXCOM yet to be worked out, and the recent announcement of NRO Director McLucas' appointment as Secretary of the Air Force, the direction and management structure for the NRP are in a period of transition. It is a consensus of the Board that this transition period should be used to evaluate the type of NRP management structure required for the future, and to promulgate an NSCID for the NRO. The Board desires to assist in the resolution of these basic issues.

Sincerely,

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Wheaton B. Byers
Executive Secretary

PFIAB

Mr. William E. Colby
Director-designate
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D. C. 20505

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